



Welcome to
Saint Gianna Parish
St. Brigid Church St. Helena Church
St. Mark the Evangelist Church
St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School

April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

Reverend Joseph Devine, Pastor

Reverend William R. Metzler, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Francis P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

Deacons Raymond J. Fugere, Robert J. Hilliard and James J. McCormack

St. Brigid Church

Rectory: 1088 New Britain Avenue
Elmwood, CT 06110
Phone: 860 236-5965
Fax 860 233-8016

Karla Dalley, Administrative Officer
Marie Tofeldt, Administrative Asst.
Office hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm daily

Website:

www.stbrigidwesthartford.org

Email:

stbrigidchurchwhct@sbcglobal.net

Religious Education

Donna Wolcott, Coordinator
(860) 543-2607
www.stbrigidCCD.com

Music Ministry

Natasha Ulyanovsky, Music Director
Kelly Boudreaux, Cantor
David Boudreaux, Cantor

St. Helena Church

30 Echo Lane
West Hartford, CT 06107
Phone: 860 521-1921
Fax: 860 521-1129

Website:

www.sthelenawesthartford.org

Email:

sthelenawhct@yahoo.com

Religious Education

Donna Wolcott, Coordinator
(860) 521-3661
cre.sthelena@comcast.net

Music Ministry

Rebecca Michel
Music Director
Mario Petrella, Cantor
Laure Welch, Cantor

St. Brigid St. Augustine School

See inside the Bulletin for details

St. Mark the Evangelist Church

Church Office:

467 Quaker Lane South
West Hartford, CT 06110
Phone: 860 233-1269
Fax: 860 233-5791

Marion Valenti, Secretary
Office Hours: 10-12 and 1:00-2:30
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Website:

www.stmarkwesthartford.com

Email: st_marks_church@snet.net

Religious Education

LouAnn M. Warren, M.A., Director
drelawstmarks@yahoo.com
Sheila Litchfield, Secretary
Sheila.stmark@yahoo.com
(860) 236-3545

Music Ministry

Jennifer Gadaree, Music Director

The Celebration of the Grace of God Through The Sacraments

Baptism: Please call our respective church offices in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: By appointment, or on Saturday St. Brigid 3-3:30; St. Helena 4-4:30; St. Mark 3:15-4:00.

Communion: For parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized, contact our respective church offices.

Marriage: Please call our respective church offices one year in advance of proposed marriage date to make arrangements.

Holy Orders: Please call the Office of Vocations (860) 242-5573 or www.hartfordpriest.org.
You may also visit your parish priest or call our respective church offices for more information.

MassSchedule

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Saturday, April 14, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Catherine and Paul Grimes by Their Family—SB
4:30 PM Margaret Krzynowek by Ann Kriss—SM
5:00 PM Antonio and Nancy Teti by Their Family—SH

Sunday, April 15, 2018

- 8:30 AM**
9:30 AM All the Deceased Family and Friends of the Calabrese, Koropatkin, Martone & Mancini Families by Maria Martone and Family—SH
10:30 AM Ralph Lang by Ed and Doris Guillet—SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
11:30 AM Syro Malabar Mass

Monday, April 16, 2018

- 8:30 AM** The Repose of the Soul of Donna Lewoc Yager by a Friend—SB
9:00 AM Helen Glazewski, 2nd Anniversary, by Her Daughter—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Francis J. Mihalek—SM

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

- 8:30 AM** *Mass today will be held at the St. Brigid St. Augustine School at 8:30 am*
9:00 AM Msgr. Edward L. Morrison—SM

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Inolfo Capaz Lopes by His Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. James G. Fanelli—SM

Thursday, April 19, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Cristino and Giovanni Iafrancesco by Domenica and Family—SB
9:00 AM Stephan Naleski, Repose of the Soul, by the Naleski Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Charles E. Webb—SM

Friday, April 20, 2018

- 9:00 AM** SH
9:00 AM Rev. Robert E. Saunders—SM

Saturday, April 21, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Mildred Dubiel, 10th Anniversary, by Her Family—SB
9:00 AM Antony Chennard, 7th Anniversary, by the Thumas Family—SH
4:00 PM Thomas and Blanche Ronaghan by the Cleary Family—SB
4:30 PM Rev. William J. Thuer—SM
5:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH

Sunday, April 22, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:30 AM Eleanore Leary by Her Friends—SH
10:30 AM Paul Quintin, 20th Anniversary, by Doris and Ed Guillet—SM
11:00 AM Ana V. DiNatale, 4th Anniversary by Her Husband, Salvatore, and Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass

*SB=St. Brigid; SH=St. Helena;
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

Church of St. Brigid

LADIES GUILD NEWS

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild will be holding the Spring Bake Sale **this weekend**, April 14th and 15th. Homemade goodies—yum!

SBLG SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will be on April 17 at 6:15 at Chengdu Asian Restaurant, 179 Park Road, West Hartford. Please contact Mickey Hunt @ 860-523-9590 if you plan on attending.

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the May Ladies Guild Newsletter is Friday April 27. Please call Regina at 203 240-9683 if you have any news to report. Thank you.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Please join us for the SBLG Communion Breakfast on Sunday May 6, 2018 at Beachland Tavern following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The cost will be \$21 and can be paid at the rectory or by contacting Sharraine at 860 841-1711.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, **May 8 and Wednesday May 9—note the date change**. The usual other items are needed as well. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.



COFFEE & DONUTS REMINDER!

Reminder that Coffee & Donuts will be hosted until April 29th and then resume in September. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the hosting.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

THANK YOU

The Social Action Committee thanks all those who donated, collected or delivered clothes during the drive we had last weekend. We provided clothing for many needy families in Greater Hartford.

The Social Action Committee also thanks all those who donated money or helped provide dinner for approximately 75 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen on Tuesday April 10. The men were greatly appreciative of the meal they received.



THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who donated to their Lenten Food Drive. They collected over 800 pounds of food which was delivered to nearby food banks and homeless shelters. They are very grateful for the outpouring of supporting from our parishioners and the community!

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Church of St. Helena

FEAST OF ST. GIANNA

Our church families of St. Brigid, St. Helena, St. Mark and the Syro Malabar will be celebrating the feast of St. Gianna on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Mass will be celebrated at the Church of Saint Helena at 11 am. All are invited to come and spend time with one another in prayer, fellowship and feasting. St. Gianna Beretta Molla's liturgical feast day is April 28.

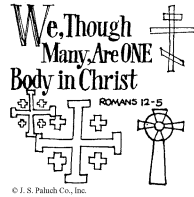
REV. JOSEPH G. MURPHY BOOK AWARD

Are you a St. Gianna parish member (of any age) who plans to continue your education at the undergraduate or graduate level this fall? Consider applying for the annual Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award honoring St. Helena's founding pastor. This one time award is offered to persons who are active members of St. Gianna parish at the time of receipt of application. Applications are available on the tables in the vestibules of each church. The deadline for submission is May 15th. Three awards will be given, one each to a member of St. Brigid, St. Helena and St. Mark the Evangelist. For more information contact St. Brigid Rectory at 860 236-5965.

PARISH WISH LIST- 2018

Here is the latest (as of 10 April) listing of where we stand with Wish List donations. **THANK YOU** to those who have so generously donated, up to this point. Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire.

Hosts for Mass <i>(partially taken ... Thank you!)</i>	\$1,300 remaining	(out of original 1,800)
Altar wine <i>(partially taken... Thank you!)</i>	\$1,000 remaining	(out of original 1,500)
Altar candles <i>(partially taken... Thank you!)</i>	\$ 1,200 remaining	(out of original 2,000)
Easter/Paschal Candles <i>(all candles already taken... Thank you!)</i>	\$ 175 / candle (3 candles total)	parish annual cost
Missalettes	\$5,000	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday) <i>(already taken, ... Thank you!)</i>	\$ 500	parish annual cost



SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

Season of Resurrection:

The Season of Resurrection consists of seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time of joy recalling the new life obtained through the resurrection of the Savior. In fact, the prayers and hymns of this period reflect this joy. Some of the important themes of this liturgical season are the resurrection of Christ, his victory over sin, death and Satan, the cross which was a sign of folly becoming the sign of redemption and glory, the resurrection of Christ as a pledge of our resurrection, His resurrection as a basis Christian faith etc. The early Church was administering the sacrament of baptism in connection with Easter. It is worth imitating this ancient tradition of administering baptism in connection with Easter.

CCD Bible Quiz: The students of the faith formation classes will have their Bible Quiz competition scheduled on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 10.00 pm in the education wing of the Church Hall.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion of the SM children will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2018 during the 11:30 am Mass.

Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

Congratulations to our First Communion Class on Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during last Sunday's Mass:

Amanda Coronado
Charles Doyle
Nathan DuBois
Brett Gainey
Dylan Guerrier
Juliana Guerrier
Liana Guerrier
Tesla Hill
Brooke Kovalcek
Angel Lebron
Michael Nguyen
Thien-An Phuc Nguyen
Jhoana Rodriguez
Katherine Shlatz
Cecilia Sohn
Emerson Sohn
John Tapia

A special thank you to their teachers Ms. Mary Berstene and Miss Erin Oakes for all of their hard work.

Congratulations to our neophytes who are finishing the RCIA process. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter the period of mystagogy.

Katherine Frewen
Bonnie McPherson
Sandra Poulin
Lilliam Velez

A special thank you to our RCIA team Diane & Ed Koprowski and Joan Delaney for all of your work and support.

VOCATION REFLECTION

Peace be with you. The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it. To share the Peace of Christ with His people as a priest or deacon or brother or sister, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7457, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

The culmination of the Season of Prayer will be held this Sunday, **April 15th** at 4:00 p.m. or Wednesday, **April 18th** at 6:00 p.m. Our speaker comes from the Franciscan tradition and will talk to us about prayer from that perspective. Don't miss this dynamic event. Our traditional celebration of the year with an indoor picnic and Jeopardy will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 4:00.

REMINDER

When preparing your collection envelopes, please remember that all checks should be made out to St. Gianna Parish.

Thank you for your continued support.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP AT HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

June 25-29, 2018/ 8:30 am to 12 pm

Please join us on our Thailand Trek! This 5-day camp is open to children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade. Throughout the week, campers will share the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of one unique culture with kids in your community, while helping them discover God's eternal love for the world! The kids will explore their commonalities with children from Thailand and discover God's good gifts and eternal love for the world. The cost to attend for the week is \$50 per child and includes snacks, beverages, and a music CD from Thailand Trek. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to sign up as volunteer helpers and group leaders. Please contact Liza Peters at 860-760-9712 or lpeters@holymfamilyretreat.org if you are interested in signing up to volunteer or if you have any other questions regarding this camp. To register online, please go to: www.holymfamilyretreat.org/vbc

GOF 2017-2018

Season of Prayer

April GOF dates are this Sunday, April 15th at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information or to register, please contact the St. Mark Religious Education office at sheila.stmark@yahoo.com or call 860-236-3545.

Religious Education

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation students have class on Sunday, April 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Northwest Catholic will offer a Pre-High School Placement Test on May 12, 2018. This practice test is for 7th graders interested in applying to area

Catholic high schools next year. For more information and to sign up, please visit www.northwestcatholic.org/PreHSPT.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: Income Tax Day
Saturday: St. Anselm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).
Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).
Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).
Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).
The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Why be average? When you can be an awesome student at:
St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School
100 Mayflower St. West Hartford, CT 0110
(860) 561-2130, ext. 106



SAVE THE DATES!

Drama Club Sponsors

Disney's Alice in Wonderland Movie Fundraiser

Friday, April 20th at 5:30 PM

Admission \$1.00/All Snacks \$1.00

All Proceeds Support The Drama Club's Spring

Theatrical Production

Hartford Yard Goats Fundraiser

Tickets \$10/Saturday, April 21st at 4:30 PM

OPEN HOUSE

Is Now Every Thursday!

9 AM to 4 PM & By Appt.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO LEARN

MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

We Offer

Strong Academic Programs
Tuition Assistance
Free and/or Reduced Breakfast & Lunch
Free Bus Transportation
Please RSVP (860) 561-2130, ext. 106

**** POSTPONED! ****

The "2018 GALA @ The Rent"

We Need You!

Are You Interested In Being a School Board Member?

You Can Also Volunteer To Sell Scrip Gift Cards After Mass On Saturdays & Sundays, Please Call Us?

Re-register Your Stop & Shop Courtesy Card And St. Brigid-St. Augustine Gets Paid Register it to our SCHOOL ID# 08098

We are still collecting Kellogg's "Box Tops for Education" (Containers are located in the lobby; please let us know if you need one)

School Office Hours

Mon--Fri. 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

REMEMBER....

St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School Is A Nurturing Environment Where We Are Committed To Academic Success!

For more information call:

(860) 561-2130, ext. 106

athompson@stbstapartnership.ed uk12.net

from Father Devine...

An ancient Easter homily includes these words :

*Away with pleading of poverty: the kingdom belongs to us all.
Away with bewailing of failings: forgiveness has come from the grave.
Away with your fears of dying: the death of our Saviour has freed us from fear.
Death played the master: he has mastered death.*

Now wouldn't that be great? Imagine a life free from fear! It might be just a dream - but maybe Easter is not so much about getting rid of our fears, as it is about *right-sizing* them... cutting them down to size and keeping them in proper perspective. Easter season is yet another chance to remember the big picture of life, to recall what is important - and not so important.

Busy people can easily lose sight of life's big picture. Have we? Do we need to re-focus? Consider this possibility: the more frequently we remember life's big picture, the less frequently we'll lose focus.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - Sunday, 29 April, 11:00 a.m. Mass - (SB)

What is this Sacrament all about? As always, the wisdom of the Church is there both to instruct and guide us...

'Extreme Unction,' which may also and more properly be called "anointing of the sick," is not a sacrament for those only who are the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone...begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived...

Great care and concern should be taken to see that those...whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. A prudent or reasonably sure judgment, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness...A person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery...Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present...Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

So, in effect, here's the story... Which Catholics may be anointed?

- anyone* in danger of death from sickness or old age
- anyone* about to undergo surgery due to a serious medical condition
- elderly people/senior citizens who are not sick, but *weak* because of aging
- children with significant medical problem(s)
- anyone* in *immediate* danger of death

As was mentioned in an earlier overview of the Easter season, we shall celebrate the *Sacrament of the Sick* during the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, 29 April. If you know of any shut-ins that would like to participate and receive the sacrament at this time, by all means bring them - or arrange to have them brought to this Mass. It might well do them, and also you - a world of good!

FINANCE COUNCIL-

Monday, 23 April, 6:30 p.m., St. Mark Pastoral Center